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Examining Group 1773**

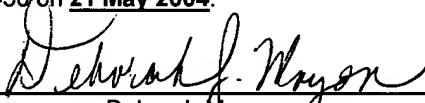
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Attorney Docket No. 1943.ALC

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APPLICANTS: RODRIQUES, Klein A. *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 09/920 498 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1773
FILED: 1 August 2001 **EXAMINER:** TARAZANO, Donald Lawrence
ENTITLED: HYDROPHOBICALLY MODIFIED SOLUTION POLYMERS AND
THEIR USE IN SURFACE PROTECTING FORMULATIONS

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Advisory Action dated 30 March 2004. In reply to that outstanding Action, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks –